ACLU Backing Film Directors

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NEW YORK, March 6—The American Civil Liberties Union announced today that it has filed an appeal on behalf of six screen directors who were denied membership in a union over their refusal to take a loyalty oath.

The ACLU seeks reversal of a Federal court refusal last fall to issue a restraining order on the oath requirement by the Directors Guild of America.

The six, who called their refusal to sign a matter of principle, include Leo Hurwitz, who handled the coverage of the Adolf Eichmann trial, and Gene Searchinger, who has directed films for the U.S. Information Agency.